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For The Record

called [REDACTED] (RAB/ISAS) today re: final disposition of the OSS ground photos - (accord my records - 402<sup>3</sup> ft. 3 film - George thought somewhere over 500<sup>3</sup>) -

all film currently stored at [REDACTED] in the "cold room."

Docs were offered to NARS sometime ago - Geo. just rec'd answer fr. NARS last week - "NOT INTERESTED." Photos not subject to researching etc.

almost all photos were logged & receipted when rec'd from "donor." Most photos were duplicated & orig. returned to owner. Evidence in file that many not returned after failure to locate owner.

NARS has informally (will send formal memo next wk) for return of small group of films which NARS inadvertently mixed in w/ OSS collection when they returned them to us.

Agency will now offer 1<sup>st</sup> to Lib. of Congress - & then possibly to some univ. or other institution.

update

DSS  
PHOTO  
420

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1. OGC reviewing question of  
ownership [REDACTED]

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2. Review underway with NPIC to  
det. if photo are only duplicates —

3. [REDACTED]

8/15 — primary question of concern  
to NARS re: with legality  
of using these photos. If, as  
originally promised the contributor,  
that the photos will not be  
published or released w/o approval  
of the donor — then there is a  
legal hold down on placing  
photo in NARS & in public domain.  
NARS wants only if they have clear  
title. OGC must tell me  
if original consent is still  
pending.

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OSS holding  
accru. memo

The 402 it show up on the  
memo of Dec. 1977.

There are:

402 lt film

ground  
"OSS photos"

NO job order NO

417 archin boxes  
20 pt negatives

labeled as:

photos, negatives & Source cards

Some  
① 1439/40 opened up BS  
request for all cits provide  
photo in ww countries...  
② apt 2 source  
of photo

"Inventoried" by County & in boxes

Ready for shipment to NARS 8888

what is how is collection classified?

what does "inventoried" mean?

what are the "Source cards"?

what does "ready" mean?

who determined this collection is "permanent"?

\*\* Not previously reviewed by the  
OSS review team. .... for declassif.?

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Subj: OSS ground photos held [REDACTED]  
(approx 4/7 caft)

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[REDACTED] - by phone:

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(a) This group of photos were simply sent [REDACTED] - NO retirement order and NO JDB or LOT no. on these documents

It appears these photos, negatives & source cards were "pushed down" [REDACTED] to get them out of safes at Hqs. (probably these sending the records hoped that someone would destroy them w/o further to do.)

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(b) This collection in essence consists of photographs & negatives supplied by various & sundry U.S. citizens to help the war effort. prob. around 1939/1940 US sent out request for photos w/jw ... indiv. U.S. citizens responded providing these photos "on loan." Each donor was provided a Receipt.

(c) Col. Tagge, NARS, has indicated interest in acquiring this collection but is concerned over ownership of the photos - i.e. does the agency own them or do they still belong to the indiv. donor? It may be necessary for the Agency to search out the old owners and offer to return the photos. This matter should be discussed with OGC

(d) NPIC does not want the collection ... they have already made duplicates of those they want.

(e) Next step is ours - photos not removed & remain classified. By question is who owns these photos?

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not: f. NAAS  
re: Ownership of  
these <sup>or</sup> Photos - she  
has gone to OGC.

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